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The National Processing Pilot Program has been extended for School year 2004-2005. Under this pilot program, processors are permitted to sell approved end products to eligible recipient agencies nationwide under a single national processing agreement. State agencies are encouraged to take advantage of the benefits of national processing which establish the contractual requirements for processing donated foods.

USDA will sign letters of extension with processors extending the national processing agreements currently in force.

**Processors Selling Fruit Products**

ConAgra Foods Lamb-Weston Hand Held Food Group  
Horizon Snack Foods  
Wawona Frozen Foods

**Processors Selling Egg Products**

Michael Foods  
Sunny Fresh Foods

**Processors Selling Nonfat Dry Milk Products**

\*The Dannon Company  
\*General Mills Bakeries and Food Service

Attached is a description of the participant responsibilities describing how the program functions. The companies involved with national processing and the ACDA Processing Committee have developed prototype forms to facilitate the national processing program. USDA has reviewed the prototype State Participation Agreement and Summary End Product Schedule and finds these acceptable and appropriate to facilitate communications between states and processors.

We are committed to working with states and processors to remove barriers that prevent NPA from being the contract of choice. For more information about this pilot program and how it works, please contact David Brothers at (703) 305 – 2668 or e-mail him at: [David.Brothers@fns.usda.gov](mailto:David.Brothers@fns.usda.gov).

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\* Approval of these processors for School Year 04/05 is contingent upon receipt of acceptable end product data schedules.